



State Water Resources Control Board

April 08, 2015

CERTIFIED MAIL NO. 7014 2870 0001 3250 1472

Mr. Lewis Broschard Assistant Chief Contra Costa County Fire Protection District 2010 Geary Road Pleasant Hill, California 94523

SUBJECT:

FAILURE TO COMPLY; UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK SYSTEMS LOCATED AT CONTRA COSTA FIRE STATION #14, 521 JONES STREET, MARTINEZ

Dear Mr. Broschard:

As of the date of this letter, the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) has not received a complete response to our January 26, 2015 Notice of Violation (NOV)(attached). You are directed to correct the ongoing violation identified in the NOV and submit compliance documentation to the State Water Board and the Contra Costa County Health Services Department within ten (10) days from the date of this letter.

Please send all compliance documentation to the following:

State Water Board

Ms. Rebecca Green
UST Enforcement Unit
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 16th Floor
Sacramento, California 95814
rebecca.green@waterboards.ca.gov

Local CUPA

Ms. Alexandra McMullen
Supervising Administrative Support
Contra Costa County Health Services Department
4585 Pacheco Boulevard, Suite 100
Martinez, California 94553
alexandra.mcmullen@hsd.cccounty.us

Failure to comply with this notice may result in an enforcement action by the State Water Board. The State Water Board reserves the right to bring an action against the owner and/or operator of the tanks in violation, or it may recommend that the Contra Costa County Health Services Department pursue enforcement, or the Contra Costa County Health Services Department may elect to pursue enforcement independently.

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code, chapter 6.7, section 25299, the owner and operator of the tanks are liable for a penalty of \$500 to \$5,000 per tank, per day of violation. These penalties will continue to accrue until the violations have been corrected.

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If you have any questions, please contact me by telephone at (916) 341-5551, or by email at Amantha.Henkel@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Amantha Henkel

Senior Environmental Scientist

UST Enforcement Unit

Office of Enforcement

Attachment: January 26, 2015 Notice of Violation

cc: (via email only)

Ms. Alexandra McMullen

Contra Costa County Health Services Department

alexandra.mcmullen@hsd.cccounty.us





State Water Resources Control Board

January 26, 2015

CERTIFIED MAIL No. 7014 1200 0001 4195 0513

Mr. Ron Guelden Facilities Manager Contra Costa Fire Protection District 2010 Geary Road Pleasant Hill, California 94523

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION; UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK

SYSTEMS LOCATED AT CONTRA COSTA FIRE STATION #14,

521 JONES STREET, MARTINEZ

Dear Mr. Guelden:

As part of an initiative by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to ensure compliance at government-owned and/or operated underground storage tank (UST) facilities in California, the State Water Board staff inspected the USTs at your facility on November 24, 2014, pursuant to authority under Health and Safety Code, chapter 6.7, section 25289.

The State Water Board has identified the following violations pursuant to Health and Safety Code (H&SC), chapter 6.7, and California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 23, chapter 16:

No.	Violation	Tank	Start Date	Stop Date	Regulation
1	Failure to Notify Local Agency of Designated Operator – Designated Operator Certification form is not current; the 2013 form has outdated information.	Diesel	April 02, 2013	Ongoing	23 CCR 2715(a)
2	Failure to Perform Annual Monitoring System Certification – An Annual Monitoring Certification was due on May 07, 2014; the certification was completed on September 08, 2014.	Diesel	May 08, 2014	September 08, 2014	23 CCR 2638(a)
3	Failure to Perform Spill Containment Structures Testing – A spill containment test was due on May 07, 2014; the test was completed on September 08, 2014.	Diesel	May 08, 2014	September 08, 2014	HSC 25284.2

No.	Violation	Tank	Start Date	Stop Date	Regulation
4	Failure to Perform Annual Monitoring System Certification – An Annual Monitoring Certification was due on March 01, 2013; the certification was completed on May 07, 2013.	Diesel	March 02, 2013	May 07, 2013	23 CCR 2638(a)
5	Failure to Perform Spill Containment Structures Testing – A spill containment test was due on March 01, 2013; the test was completed on May 07, 2013.	Diesel	March 02, 2013	May 07, 2013	HSC 25284.2
6	Failure to Perform Annual Monitoring System Certification – An Annual Monitoring Certification was due on February 17, 2012; the certification was completed on March 01, 2012.	Diesel	February 18, 2012	March 01, 2012	23 CCR 2638(a)
7	Failure to Perform Spill Containment Structures Testing – A spill containment test was due on February 17, 2012; the test was completed on March 01, 2012.	Diesel	February 18, 2012	March 01, 2012	HSC 25284.2
8	Failure to Perform Annual Monitoring System Certification — An Annual Monitoring Certification was due on February 10, 2011; the certification was completed on February 17, 2011.	Diesel	February 11, 2011	February 17, 2011	23 CCR 2638(a)
9	Failure to Perform Spill Containment Structures Testing – A spill containment test was due on February 10, 2011; the test was completed on February 17, 2011.	Diesel	February 11, 2011	February 17, 2011	HSC 25284.2
10	Failure to Monitor Product Piping – The sensor in the piping sump was not operating and unable to detect a leak.	Diesel	August 20, 2013	Ongoing	23 CCR 2630(d)
11	Failure to Maintain Testing and Maintenance Records On-Site — The following records were not available at the time of inspection: Annual Monitoring Certification for 2012, secondary containment tests for 2012, 2013, and 2014.	Diesel	November 24, 2014	Ongoing	23 CCR 2712(b); H&SC 25293

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12	Failure to Maintain UST Monitoring System – The red light on the monitoring panel was on, indicating the system was in alarm.	Diesel	August 20, 2013	Ongoing	23 CCR 2630(d); H&SC 25291(b)
13	Failure to Maintain Spill Containment Requirements – The spill container had liquid in it, which prevents its ability to hold five gallons.	Diesel	November 24, 2014	Ongoing	23 CCR 2635(b)(1)
14	Failure to Maintain Product Piping – The sensor in the piping sump is not able to detect a leak at the earliest opportunity. It is incorrectly positioned on the wrong side of the sump and not directly below the product piping.	Diesel	November 24, 2014	Ongoing	23 CCR 2630(d)
15	Failure to Perform Secondary Containment Testing – Under Dispenser Containment was installed September 16, 2009. Testing was due upon installation, but was not conducted until February 17, 2011.	Diesel	September 16, 2009	February 17, 2011	23 CCR 2637(a)

You are directed to correct the ongoing violations and submit compliance documentation to the State Water Board and Contra Costa County Health Services within sixty (60) days from the date of this letter. Have your Designated Operator make specific notations in the next monthly designated operator report indicating the ongoing violations have been corrected. The monthly designated operator report and any associated photos must be submitted as proof of compliance.

Our office would also like photographs taken inside of the diesel dispenser. During our inspection we were unable to view the inside of the diesel dispenser because the facility manager did not have a key to unlock it.

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